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**Dryer Conditions in Florida**

**Weather Summary:** Florida continued to be drought free, according to the U. S. Drought Monitor. Florida's Automated Weather Network (FAWN), showed Sebring (Highlands County) had received the most rain with 5 inches. Fort Pierce (St. Lucie County) received 4 inches, four stations received 2 to 3 inches, and the majority of the State received one inch or less of rain. The Jay (Santa Rosa County) FAWN station reported the minimum temperature of 64 degrees while the Fort Lauderdale (Broward County) station reported 76 degrees as the minimum temperature. Maximum temperatures ranged from 89 degrees in Indian River (Indian River County) to 96 degrees in Bronson (Levy County).

**Soil Moisture Ratings**

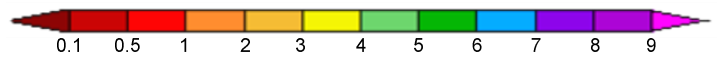
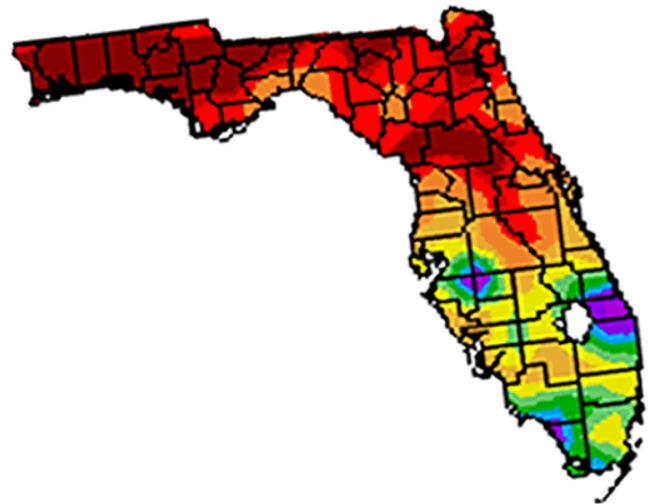
Moisture Rating	Topsoil		
	Previous week	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	1	0	0
Short .....	11	3	10
Adequate .....	59	71	69
Surplus .....	29	26	21

**Field Crops:** Peanut crop condition was 1 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 52 percent good, and 13 percent excellent. Peanut harvest was 26 percent complete. Harvesting started on peanuts planted in April in Washington County. Farmers in Jackson and Gulf counties were baling hay but quality was poor due to excessive water. Corn and milo harvesting continued. Wet weather hampered planting of sugarcane.

**Peanut Progress**

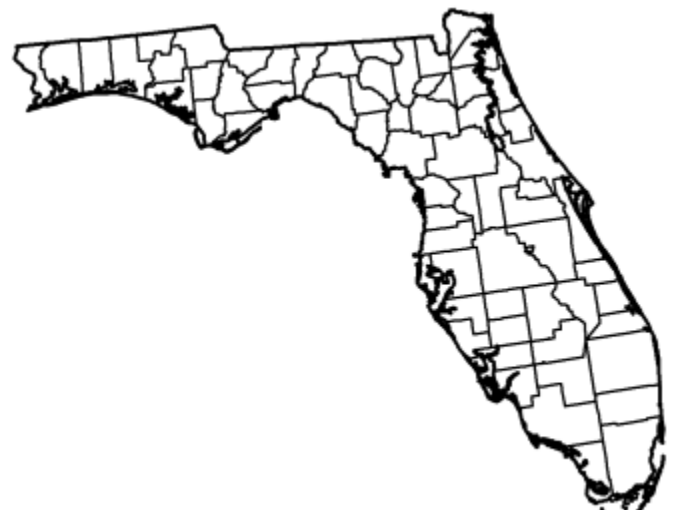
Stage	5-year average	Previous year	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Harvested .....	14	17	26

**Precipitation (in)–Florida: Sept. 9-15, 2013**



Source: Southeast Regional Climate Center

**U.S. Drought Monitor–Florida: Sept. 10, 2013**



**Intensity:**

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

**Fruits & Vegetables:** In southwest Florida, farmers continued to report delays in preparing land and laying plastic for fall crops due to wet conditions. Farmers in Miami-Dade County started planting winter vegetables. Vegetables and fruits marketed included avocados, okra, and sweet potatoes.

**Livestock and Pastures:** **Statewide**, the pasture condition and cattle condition was mostly good across the State. In the **southwest** area, some pastures were listed in excellent condition. Flooded pastures limited the condition in several locations.

**Cattle and Pasture Condition**

Condition	Cattle		Pasture	
	Previous week	Current week	Previous week	Current week
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very poor.....	1	1	1	1
Poor.....	1	1	4	3
Fair.....	13	8	20	16
Good.....	65	70	60	55
Excellent.....	20	20	15	25

**Citrus:** Afternoon showers last week brought various amounts of rainfall to the citrus growing area. Five stations received more than two inches with Sebring (Highlands County) getting the most at 4.50 inches. Nine stations received more than an inch while Avalon (Orange County) and Putnam Hall (Putnam County) received none at all. Temperatures were warm all week and on occasion reached the mid 90s. The citrus growing area was completely drought free at this time. There was adequate soil moisture in all areas; main canals and ditches had sufficient water for irrigation.

This season’s new crop was progressing well. Tree foliage looked healthy in cared for groves. Grove activity included resetting of new trees, young tree care, herbicide application, brush removal, and psyllid control.

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